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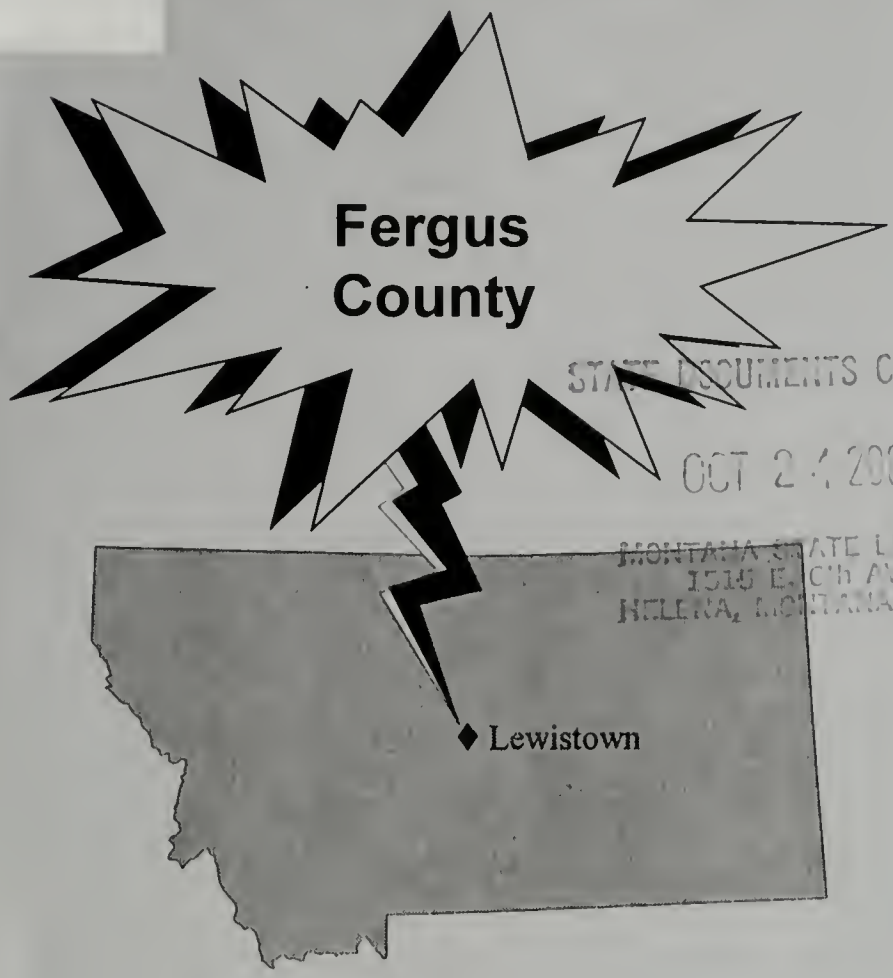

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Fergus County

Located in central Montana, Fergus County is Montana's 14th most populous with 12,083 residents, according to the 1990 Census.

Lewistown, the county seat, is the state's 12th largest city with a population of 6,097. According to the *Montana Almanac,* by authors Andrea Merrill and Judy Jacobson, the county was established in 1885 and named for James Fergus, a pioneer, miner, cattleman and territorial legislator. There's been debate on where the city takes its name, but it's generally believed it's named after Camp Lewis, established in 1874 by Major William Lewis of the 7th U.S. Cavalry. It began as a trading post on the Carroll Trail in the 1880s and incorporated in 1899.

Lewistown is renowned for its water. Big Spring Water produces 99 million gallons a day at 99.9 percent purity. Agriculture and mining are also important to this city's economy.

According to the U.S. Bureau of the Census, median income for Fergus County households in 1989 was $21,398. The county is 4,350.5 square miles in area; 4,339.3 square miles in land area and 11.2 in inland water area.

County residents experience the four distinct seasons. Average monthly temperatures range from a low of 8 degrees above in January to a high of 82 above in July. According to the *Montana Almanac* the annual precipitation in 1995 was 22.82 inches and the length of growing season 117 days.

Fergus County Population

Source: U.S. Bureau of the Census

Area	7/1/97 Estimate	7/1/96 Estimate	4/1/90 Census	% Change '90 to '97	% Change '90 to '96
Montana	878,810	876,684	799,065	10.0%	9.7%
Fergus County	12,498	12,649	12,083	3.4%	4.7%
Denton	Not Available	373	350	Not Available	6.6%
Grass Range	Not Available	169	159	Not Available	6.3%
Lewistown	Not Available	6,380	6,097	Not Available	4.6%
Moore	Not Available	220	211	Not Available	4.3%
Winifred	Not Available	216	150	Not Available	44.0%

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1997 New Businesses by Industry
Fergus County

SIC Code*	Industry	# Of New Businesses
24	Lumber & Wood Products, Except Furniture	3
42	Trucking-Warehousing	2
56	Apparel & Accessory Stores	2
58	Eating & Drinking Places	2
73	Business Services	2
87	Engineering, Accounting, Research, Management & Related Services	2
99	Not Yet Classified	2
17	Special Trade Contractors	1
39	Miscellaneous Manufacturing	1
41	Local & Suburban Transit & Interurban Highway Passenger Transportation	1
50	Durable Goods-Wholesale Trade	1
57	Furniture & Home Furnishings	1
59	Miscellaneous Retail Trade	1
60	Depository Institutions	1
65	Real Estate	1
76	Miscellaneous Repair Services	1
79	Amusement & Recreation Services	1
80	Health Services	1
81	Legal Services	1
88	Private Households	1
	TOTAL	28

Source: Montana Department of Labor & Industry, Office of Research & Analysis.
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New businesses registered with the Unemployment Insurance Program.
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Top 10 Private Employers In Fergus County
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First Quarter 1998 Unemployment Insurance Information.
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Annual Average Labor Force For Fergus County

Year	Civilian Labor Force	Employ-ment	Unem-ployment	Unem-ployment Rate
1970	4,867	4,687	180	3.7%
1971	4,863	4,673	190	3.9%
1972	4,785	4,574	211	4.4%
1973	5,052	4,826	226	4.5%
1974	5,457	5,189	268	4.9%
1975	5,181	4,912	269	5.2%
1976	5,399	5,136	263	4.9%
1977	5,573	5,274	299	5.4%
1978	6,043	5,746	297	4.9%
1979	6,092	5,883	209	3.4%
1980	6,038	5,747	291	4.8%
1981	6,264	5,936	328	5.2%
1982	6,250	5,762	488	7.8%
1983	6,018	5,576	442	7.3%
1984	5,869	5,456	413	7.0%
1985	5,927	5,447	480	8.1%
1986	5,970	5,431	539	9.0%
1987	5,979	5,475	504	8.4%
1988	5,965	5,556	409	6.9%
1989	6,071	5,667	404	6.7%
1990	5,844	5,530	314	5.4%
1991	5,830	5,391	439	7.5%
1992	5,871	5,490	381	6.5%
1993	5,752	5,427	325	5.7%
1994	5,966	5,684	282	4.7%
1995	5,887	5,521	366	6.2%
1996	6,146	5,801	345	5.6%
1997	6,213	5,845	368	5.9%

Source: Montana Department of Labor & Industry, Office of Research & Analysis (1998 Benchmark).

Summary of Major Occupational Categories By Sex
1990 Census-Equal Employment Opportunity Data
Civilian Labor Force-All Persons

Occupation	Total	Male	Female
Total	5,462	3,110	2,352
Managerial and Professional Specialty Occupations	977	468	509
Executive, Administrative and Managerial Occupations	365	216	149
Professional Specialty Occupations	612	252	360
Technical, Sales and Administrative Support Occupations	1,129	389	740
Technicians and Related Support Occupations	83	40	43
Sales Occupations	570	310	260
Administrative Support Occupations, Including Clerical	476	39	437
Service Occupations	1,078	317	761
Private Household Occupations	26	0	26
Protective Service Occupations	43	40	3
Service Occupations, Except Protective and Household	1,009	277	732
Farming, Forestry, Fishing	890	762	128
Precision Production, Craft and Repair Occupations	589	569	20
Mechanics and Repairers	238	238	0
Construction Trade	227	224	3
Extractive Occupations	38	38	0
Precision Production Occupations	86	69	17
Operators, Fabricators and Laborers	783	597	186
Machine Operators, Assemblers and Inspectors	197	141	56
Transportation and Material Moving Occupations	317	291	26
Handlers, Equipment Cleaners, Helpers and Laborers	269	165	104
Unemployed, No Recent Civilian Work Experience	16	8	8

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Resources

⇒ **Chamber of Commerce:**
Lewistown Area Chamber of Commerce, P. O. Box 818, Lewistown, MT 59457, 406-538-5436

⇒ **Department of Labor and Industry:**
Lewistown Job Service
300 1st Ave. N., Lewistown, MT 59457, 406-538-8701

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For information on employment by industry, new businesses, labor market information, profile of the Montana worker, job projections to the year 2006 and hourly pay by occupation, contact the office at any of the numbers listed on the front of this publication or check out our Internet website at **http://jsd.dli.mt.gov/lmi/lmi.htm**.

⇒ **Housing Costs:**
Lewistown Board of Realtors, c/o P. O. Box 1059, Lewistown, MT 59457, 406-538-5125

⇒ **Internet:**
Montana Job Service home page for job listings at http://jsd.dli.mt.gov/
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⇒ **Montana Motor Vehicle Division:**
Drivers' Licensing
Lewistown—Highway Department, West of Lewistown, 406-538-8725

⇒ **Newspaper:**
Lewistown News-Argus, P. O. Box 900, Lewistown, MT 59457, 406-538-3401

⇒ **Public Libraries:**
Denton Public Library, 515 Broadway, Denton, MT 59430-0986, 406-567-2571
Lewistown Public Library, 701 W. Main, Lewistown, MT 59457, 406-538-5212
Moore Memorial Library, 403 Fergus Ave., Moore, MT 59464-0125

⇒ **Superintendent of Schools, Kindergarten through 12th Grade:**
Ayers Elementary, P. O. Box 100, Grass Range, MT 59032, 406-428-2368
Cottonwood Elementary, Route 1 Box 1836, Lewistown, MT 59457, 406-538-9787
Deerfield Elementary, Route 3 Box 3138, Lewistown, MT 59457, 406-538-9746
Denton Public Schools, P. O. Box 1048, Denton, MT 59430, 406-567-2370
Grass Range Public Schools, P. O. Box 58, Grass Range, MT 59032, 406-428-2122
King Colony Elementary, RR 2 Box 2288, Lewistown, MT 59457, 406-538-7613
Lewistown Public Schools, 215 Seventh Ave. S., Lewistown, MT 59457, 406-538-8777
Maiden Elementary, Route 3 Box 3052, Lewistown, MT 59457, 406-538-2169
Moore Public Schools, P. O. Box 1, Moore, MT 59464, 406-374-2231
Roy Schools, Box 9, Roy, MT 59471, 406-464-2511
Spring Creek Colony Elementary, P. O. Box 1185, Lewistown, MT 59457, 406-538-3136
Winifred Schools, Box 109, Winifred, MT 59489, 406-462-5349

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Fergus County Employment By Industry*
Annual Averages 1997

Industry	# of Establish-ments	Average Annual Employment	Annual Wages Paid
TOTAL ALL INDUSTRIES	480	3,986	$73,039,472
PRIVATE BUSINESS	433	2,944	$50,085,707
AGRI, FORESTRY, FISH	11	48	$580,157
Agri Production/Livestock	4	23	$307,842
Agriculture Services	5	12	$198,712
MINING	4	22	$947,739
CONSTRUCTION	58	165	$3,560,192
General Building	17	40	$738,024
Heavy Construction	5	36	$994,328
Special Trade	35	87	$2,128,840
MANUFACTURING	26	279	$5,377,250
Food Products	5	54	$1,061,623
Lumber	5	66	$849,809
TRANS., COMMUN., UTILITIES	23	141	$3,932,893
Trucking-Warehousing	8	7	$85,784
Air Transportation	4	19	$841,906
Communication	4	28	$411,827
Elec., Gas, Sanitation	4	75	$2,702,404
WHOLESALE TRADE	31	205	$4,087,489
Durable Goods	10	74	$1,831,155
Nondurable Goods	21	131	$2,438,314
RETAIL TRADE	110	600	$9,117,668
Bldg Materials-Gardan	9	68	$843,024
Auto Dealers-Service Stations	16	117	$1,859,551
Apparel & Accessories	5	50	$807,530
Furniture Stores	6	25	$303,068
Eating & Drinking	39	330	$2,277,820
Miscellaneous Retail	19	60	$1,451,602
FINANCE, INSURANCE, REAL ESTATE	26	148	$3,185,690
Banking	5	76	$1,944,594
Insurance Carriers	6	13	$259,500
Insurance Agents	4	14	$280,025
Real Estate	9	29	$252,344
SERVICES	137	1,132	$16,911,102
Hotels & Lodging	8	105	$1,014,081
Personal Services	9	29	$347,389
Business Services	10	75	$2,530,167
Auto Repair Services	11	29	$424,750
Miscellaneous Repair Services	3	22	$216,257
Motion Pictures	3	15	$82,297
Amusement & Recreation	6	61	$808,216
Health Services	26	512	$10,180,898
Legal Services	11	15	$187,263
Social Services	13	132	$1,401,638
Membership Organizations	8	36	$320,590
Engineering Services	10	34	$590,501
Private Households	11	14	$149,671
GOVERNMENT	47	1,041	$22,953,765
State	12	269	$5,892,421
Local	22	625	$11,884,381
Federal	13	148	$5,178,963

Source: Montana Department of Labor & Industry, Office of Research & Analysis
(Totals may not add due to rounding.)
*Employment Covered by Unemployment Insurance.

Per Capita Personal Income

	1970	1980	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996
Montana	$3,558	$8,842	$15,067	$16,005	$16,618	$17,709	$17,709	$18,602	$19,278
% of National Average	87%	88%	79%	81%	81%	83%	80%	80%	79%
Fergus County	$3,670	$8,502	$14,938	$15,406	$15,349	$16,498	$16,023	$16,482	$17,628
% of National Average	90%	84%	78%	78%	74%	77%	72%	71%	72%

Source: U.S. Department of Commerce Bureau of Economic Analysis, Regional Economic Information System. Released May 1996.

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Fergus County

1990 Census of Population and Housing

Persons by Age, Race and Sex

School Age	White		Black		American Indian		Eskimo/Aleut/ Asian or Pacific Islander		Hispanic Origin		Other Race	
	Total	Female	Total	Female	Total	Female	Total	Female	Total	Female	Total	Female
5-11	1,369	666	3	1	12	6	1	1	15	7	0	0
12-14	550	270	0	0	7	4	0	0	6	4	1	1
15-17	483	223	0	0	7	3	4	4	3	1	2	1
18-21	412	194	0	0	8	2	1	0	2	1	0	0
Total	2,814	1,353	3	1	34	15	6	5	26	13	3	2

Working & Voting Age	White		Black		American Indian		Eskimo/Aleut/ Asian or Pacific Islander		Hispanic Origin		Other Race	
	Total	Female	Total	Female	Total	Female	Total	Female	Total	Female	Total	Female
16+	9,064	4,695	5	1	96	43	10	8	45	19	13	4
16-64	6,677	3,351	4	0	81	35	10	8	38	17	10	3
18+	8,747	4,552	5	1	90	40	7	5	44	18	12	3
18-64	6,360	3,208	4	0	75	32	7	5	37	16	9	2

Other Age Group	White		Black		American Indian		Eskimo/Aleut/ Asian or Pacific Islander		Hispanic Origin		Other Race	
	Total	Female	Total	Female	Total	Female	Total	Female	Total	Female	Total	Female
0-4	773	377	2	0	5	3	1	1	4	1	2	0
5-17	2,402	1,159	3	1	26	13	5	5	24	12	3	2
18-44	3,924	1,947	3	0	49	23	6	4	27	13	8	2
45-64	2,436	1,261	1	0	26	9	1	1	10	3	1	0
62+	2,808	1,577	2	1	21	13	0	0	7	2	3	1
65+	2,387	1,344	1	1	15	6	0	0	7	2	3	1
Total	11,922	6,086	10	2	121	56	13	11	72	31	17	5

Source: Census and Economic Information Center, Montana Department of Commerce, Helena, MT 59620, 406-444-2896.

Fergus County

County of Residence	# Who Work in Fergus County	County of Work	# Who Live in Fergus County
Out of State	30	Out of State	35
Cascade County	18	Cascade County	13
Fergus County	4,889	Fergus County	4,889
Judith Basin County	74	Judith Basin County	21
Madison County	7	Petroleum County	21
Missoula County	8	Phillips	32
Musselshell County	15	Richland	16
Petroleum County	8	Teton County	11
Teton County	7	Wheatland County	21
Other Montana Counties	27	Other Montana Counties	48

Source: 1990 Census Data provided by the U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics.